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March 5, 2021

**SUBJECT: Request for Proposal / RFP #142F-20 / Midlife Overhaul of 60 New Flyer Forty-Foot Hybrid Buses**

**Addendum No. 6**

Dear Bidders:

Please be advised that the above has been amended and/or clarified as shown on the attached that is made a part of herein.

*Note: MBTA is providing an opportunity for bidders to observe two sample buses that are to be overhauled as part of the program. Virtual meeting information is included below:*

*RFP142F-20 Virtual Bus Walkthrough*

**March 12, 2021 @ 1:00PM EST.**

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/888821373>

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Acknowledgment of this Addendum must be so noted on your proposal submittal.

**ALL ELSE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.**

Sincerely,

Joe Flynn

Sourcing Executive

Attachments

**MBTA**  
**RFP 142F-20 / Technical Specification VE20-051**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

The RFC submittal period is now closed.

The Authority has reviewed RFCs provided and has made best efforts to answer all RFCs submitted. Bidders be advised, if any additional information is needed to prepare complete proposals, please reach out to [vehicles@mbta.com](mailto:vehicles@mbta.com) as soon as possible, otherwise your question may not be answered.

The following clarifications to questions/RFCs received are provided below:

**General Clarification:**

The Authority recommends all Proposers review RFP 142F-20, including Technical Specification VE20-051 and all attachments, and Addendum, in their entirety. Bidders are responsible for developing a cost to perform the scope of work required for all tasks outlined in RFP 142F-20 and Technical Specification VE20-051. This may involve contacting suppliers, subcontractors, and OEMs as required to obtain training, technical information, and pricing to prepare a complete proposal. The Authority will review/approve work scope, procedures, and material, as part of the Design Review Process.

**Question 1:**

Ref: RFP 142F-20 – Section 1.8

*Section 1.8 discussed pre-proposal procedures but provides no opportunity for inspection of the buses.*

*Please clarify any procedures available for inspecting the buses.*

**Response 1:**

The Authority has arranged a virtual meeting on **March 12, 2021 at 1:00PM EST** for prospective bidders to view sample buses. More information is included below:

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**Question 2:**

Ref: RFP 142F-20 - Technical Specification VE20-051 Section 3.9 & 3.17.9

*Please clarify what is required for ITS #s 6246, 6201, 6207 & 6180.*

**Response 2:**

See attached ITS #s 6246, 6201, 6207 & 6180 for more information. Please review Technical Specification VE20-051 Section 3.9 & 3.17.9 in conjunction with the provided information.

For reference - excerpts from **Section 3.9:**

The Contractor is responsible for establishing an inspection procedure to verify the condition of all high voltage cables and clamps, in line with New Flyer **ITS-6246 Rev E** and ITS-6394 Rev E.

Cables and clamps that do not meet minimum OEM standards shall be brought to the attention of the Resident Inspector for Hidden Damage repair or replacement consideration. The Contractor shall follow New Flyer **ITS-6201** in the event cables need to be replaced.

The Contractor shall inspect and clean all major component ground cable locations and inspect all high voltage shield bands, in-line with procedures in New Flyer **ITS-6207**.

For reference - excerpts from **Section 3.17.9:**

Any roof hatch exhibiting defects shall be brought to the attention of the Resident Inspector for Hidden Damage repair or replacement consideration. The Contractor shall be required to follow New Flyer **ITS-6180** in the event a roof hatch replacement, removal, or if re-sealing is required.

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**PROVISIONS**

The Authority has reviewed RFCs provided and has made best efforts to answer all RFCs submitted.

**Amend RFP 142F-20 as follows:**

**Page 58 – Section 7.4 – Escalation of Pricing for OPTION 6 (Overhaul of 156 Additional Buses):**

Remove:

*Escalation is not applicable to any additional buses overhauled and their respective options through an Option, provided that Option is executed within one (1) year from Notice to Proceed for the Base Contract.*

*Escalation for additional buses overhauled and their respective options through an Option that is executed greater than one (1) year from Notice to Proceed for the Base Contract shall be determined as follows:*

- a. *The Unit Price quoted by the Bidder in its Proposal for Option 6 Overhaul of 156 Buses and as contained in any Contract issued pursuant to this Request for Proposal will be the “Option 6 Base Price.”*
- b. *The Unit Price quoted by the Bidder in its Proposal for Option 1 through 5 Pricing and as contained in any Contract issued pursuant to this Request for Proposal will be identified in the “Option 1 Base Price”; “Option 2 Base Price”, “Option 3 Base Price”, “Option 4 Base Price”, “Option 5 Base Price”.*
- c. *For the purpose of this Escalation Clause, the “Option 6 Base Price” will be adjusted to reflect any change which will be calculated based on the percentage change in the Producer Price Indexes, Bureau of Labor Statistics Department of Labor: Truck and Bus Bodies (Code 1413).*  
*Latest Published Preliminary Index Number Prior to Notice of Exercise of Options*  
*Index Number on Effective Date of the Contract*
- d. *The Index shall be the Producer Price Index for Truck and Bus Bodies, Series No. 1413, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or if such Index is no longer in use, then such replacement that is most comparable to the Index as may be designated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or as agreed by the parties.*
- e. *Escalation – General:*  
*The provisions of Section 7.4 shall be for the sole exclusive measure of adjustments in compensation for inflation or deflation, without regard to actual changes in the cost of labor or materials, or use thereof, during the performance of this Contract.*

Replace with:

*Escalation is not applicable to any additional buses overhauled and their respective options through an Option, provided that Option is **executed by June 30, 2023**.*

*Escalation for additional buses overhauled and their respective options through an Option that **is executed after June 30, 2023** shall be determined as follows:*

- a. *The Unit Price quoted by the Bidder in its Proposal for Option 6 Overhaul of 156 Buses and as contained in any Contract issued pursuant to this Request for Proposal will be the “Option 6 Base Price.”*
- b. *The Unit Price quoted by the Bidder in its Proposal for Option 1 through 5 Pricing and as contained in any Contract issued pursuant to this Request for Proposal will be identified in the “Option 1 Base Price”; “Option 2 Base Price”, “Option 3 Base Price”, “Option 4 Base Price”, “Option 5 Base Price”.*
- c. *For the purpose of this Escalation Clause, the “Option 6 Base Price” will be adjusted to reflect any change which will be calculated based on the percentage change in the Producer Price Indexes, Bureau of Labor Statistics Department of Labor: Truck and Bus Bodies (Code 1413).*

*Latest Published Preliminary Index Number Prior to Notice of Exercise of Options*  
*Index Number on Effective Date of the Contract*

- d. *The Index shall be the Producer Price Index for Truck and Bus Bodies, Series No. 1413, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or if such Index is no longer in use, then such replacement that is most comparable to the Index as may be designated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or as agreed by the parties.*
- e. *Escalation – General:*  
*The provisions of Section 7.4 shall be for the sole exclusive measure of adjustments in compensation for inflation or deflation, without regard to actual changes in the cost of labor or materials, or use thereof, during the performance of this Contract.*
- f. ***Option 6 will be executed no later than five years from NTP of the Base Contract.***

**ALL ELSE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.**